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DATA TRANSMISSION RATES BETWEEN A FIRST AND SECOND  
DATA TRANSMISSION UNIT  
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Docket No.: 112740-335

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**DECLARATION**

Sir:

I, William E. Vaughan, am an attorney of record for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. I was the attorney responsible for the preparation and filing of this patent application on October 1, 2001. The documents submitted on such date were the Patent Application Transmittal Letter, International application as filed, English translation, Preliminary Amendment, Submission of Drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney, IDS, references, search report, return-receipt postcard, and a check in the amount of \$890.00.

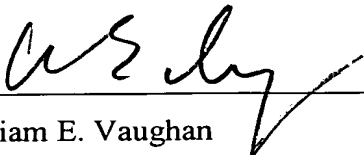
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